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Judges

Joseph Bassano, J.D.; Khara Singer-Mack, J.D.; Thomas Muskus, J.D; Karl Oakes, J.D. and Jeffrey J. Shampo, J.D.

VII. Compensation and Fees

B. Amount

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a. General Considerations

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**The legislature may authorize counties to increase or decrease the compensation of county judges.**

The legislature may authorize counties to increase or decrease the compensation of county judges,<sup>1</sup> at least where reduction in salary is not designed to take effect during a term of office.<sup>2</sup> Where a statute expressly authorizes a county to do so, it is not void as against public policy for a county to permit a judge to accept less compensation than that fixed by law.<sup>3</sup>

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Footnotes

- 1 Wis.—*State ex rel. Sachtjen v. Festge*, 25 Wis. 2d 128, 130 N.W.2d 457 (1964).
- 2 Md.—*Tubman v. Berwager*, 190 Md. 193, 57 A.2d 822 (1948).
- 3 Ky.—*Wood v. Shelby County*, 581 S.W.2d 31 (Ky. Ct. App. 1979).
- N.J.—*La Corte v. Union County*, 121 N.J.L. 158, 1 A.2d 424 (N.J. Ct. Err. & App. 1938).